

INFORMATION ON FUNERAL HOMES

Dealing with the death of a family member or loved one can be a very stressful experience and this is often compounded when the death occurs overseas. We hope that the following information on what to expect from the process here in Greece is helpful to you if you are faced with such a situation.

The U.S. Embassy in Athens prepares the consular "Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad" for all U.S. citizens who die in Greece. This document is for use in the United States and it is based on the Greek Death certificate, the deceased's U.S. passport and information given to us by the relatives. For that purpose the deceased's relatives should contact the American Citizen Services section Monday through Friday from 8:30 – 17.00, tel. 210-720-2414, fax 210-724-5313.

The list of funeral homes which follows is provided for your assistance and does not constitute an endorsement by the Embassy. The fee and method of payment must be negotiated by you directly with the funeral home of your choice. The Embassy can provide you with information about the transfer of funds from the U.S. or elsewhere, or you can have them sent directly to the funeral home of your choice through Western Union.

Should you wish the remains to be shipped to the U.S. please ascertain whether the funeral home you select is able to arrange this with the U.S.-based funeral home you have chosen.

Our experience has shown the average cost of preparation for shipment to be from 2,700 Euros/\$3,457 to 10,000 Euros/\$12,804 (rates are subject to exchange rate fluctuations) plus shipping costs. Please have in mind that costs vary depending on weight of shipment, destination, etc.

Although cremation is now permitted in Greece, no cremation facilities have yet been constructed. For the time being, cremations must be conducted elsewhere in Europe.

Information for persons of Jewish faith:

The Jewish community offers services requested by the faith in the course of preparation. The following contacts will be helpful: The Office of the Jewish Community of Athens, Rabbi Isaak Mizan, 5 Melidoni Street, Athens, 210 325-2823, 210 325-2773, 210-325-2875.

Please Note: Autopsies – In October 2012, the Embassy learned that during an autopsy, organs may be removed along with histological tissue for testing at the discretion of the Medical Examiner, **without** the knowledge or consent of next of-kin. Autopsies are carried out by local Medical Examiners who fall under the jurisdiction of the Greek Ministry of Justice. Tests are completed on removed organs and specimens, long after the deceased's body has been buried locally or shipped to the U.S. The Greek Ministry of Justice has indicated that organs and specimens tested remain in the possession of the lab three months from the day that the autopsy was performed and destroyed afterwards.

Organs removed and histological specimens taken may be returned to the next-of-kin upon his/her request, provided that a power of attorney either to a lawyer or local funeral home is sent in order for them to apply for the return of the above with the appropriate department of the lab. There are costs involved and this is a lengthy administrative procedure. Costs can vary from 500 to 1,900 Euros (rates are subject to exchange rate fluctuations)

For information of on local English- speaking attorneys, please see our list of [Attorneys](#) or the funeral homes below.

Funeral Homes

ATHENS

GIANNAKOPOULOS Anargyros Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Anargyros Giannakopoulos
49 Deinokratous Street, 106 76 Athens
Tel. 210 721-0173/174, Fax. 210 723-1650
Nikos Giannakopoulos: 6977326484
Dimitris Sotiropoulos: 6977329292
Manos Lignos: 6977303063
e-mail: agiannakopoulos@otenet.gr

KALOUMENOS Minas Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Minas Kaloumenos
95 Ioanninon Street, 104 44 Athens
Tel. 210 515-4600 (office)
210 252-7550(home), fax. 210 513-1660
Cell phone: 6944304051
e-mail: mk@mkassist.gr

Successors of K. LYKOSKOUFIS & Co

Director: Mr. Vasilis Kokoris
Valtetsiou 12 & Hippokratous Str.
106 80 Athens
Tel. 210 361-2007/ 362-3598 (office)
Fax. 210 361-6084, Cell phone: 6972885324
e-mail:
vasiliskokoris@lykoskoufis.onmicrosoft.com

D.K. MYSTRAS Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Dimitris Mystras
50 Sari Street, 105 53 Athens
Tel. 210 321-8692/ 324-5562
Fax . 210 324-2163, Cell phone: 6944506790
e-mail: mystrask@otenet.gr

KYRIAKIDIS Nikolaos Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Nikolaos Kyriakidis
27 Anapafseos Street
116 36 Athens
Tel. 210-923-7772, 210-922-7900
Fax: 210-922-1607
Cell phone: 6974018949
Website: www.kyriakidisfunerals.gr
Email: info@kyriakidisfunerals.gr

IRAKLIO, CRETE

MARKOULAKIS M. Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Minas Markoulakis
Gerasimou Pardali 2 & Panarous Street
71201 Iraklio, Crete
Tel. 2810-284504/282080, Fax. 289133
Cell phone: 6944471147
e-mail: minas.markoulakis@gmail.com

RHODES

THEMELIS ASTERIS Funeral Home

Director: Mrs. Stella Asteris
107 Kritika Street, 851 00 Rhodes
Tel. 22410-24107/34279, Fax. 22410-37300
Cell phone: 6946284666
E-mail: kikiasteri@hotmail.com

AMERIKANOS G. Funeral Home

Director: Mrs. Maria Amerikanos
56 Patriarchou Athinagora Street
851 00 Rhodes
Tel. 22410-33400/28901, Fax 28901
Cell phone: 6989197556
E-mail: amerikanos83@yahoo.gr

CORFU

KOSTAS GRAMMENOS Funeral Home

Director: Mr. Kostas Grammenos
18 Alex. Panagouli, 491 00 Corfu
Tel.26610-20390, Fax. 26610-40560
2 Orpheus St, Glyfada (ATHENS)
Tel. 210-8055656
Cell phone: 6948214734
e-mail: grammen@otenet.gr

THESSALONIKI

BABOULAS Funeral Home
Vasilissis Olgas 72
Thessaloniki
Tel. 2310-869250, Fax: 2310-869251
Cell Phone: 6944-315827
www.baboulas.gr

DARAVINGAS Funeral Home
Vasilissis Olgas 41
Thessaloniki
Tel. 2310-830924, Fax: 2310-840092
www.daraviga.gr

GESIOS Funeral Home
G. Papandreou 30
Thessaloniki
Tel: 2310-429141, Fax: 2310-429151
Cell Phone: 6944-242142

MAVRIDIS, Konstantinos Funeral Home
Agiou Dimitriou 147
54631 Thessaloniki
Tel.: 2310-206032, Fax: 2310-203906
Cell Phone: 6937-005894